
Subject: Re: How to write IDL log output to a file?
Posted by [Bob\[3\]](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 18:23:06 GMT
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Do you mean other than "highlight then copy&paste via the clipboard"??

Subject: Re: How to write IDL log output to a file?
Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 18:24:01 GMT
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Good luck,
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Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 22:45:46 GMT
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Posted by [Write2Irina](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 23:55:20 GMT
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Thanks to everyone, JOURNAL works perfectly for me!
